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OF THE

ARCHBISHOP,

The BISHOPS, and CLERGY of the
Province of *Canterbury*,

In CONVOCATION Assembled ;

PRESENTED TO

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At St. J A M E S's,

On Wednesday the Fourteenth Day of February, 1727.

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To the King's most Excellent Majesty,

**The Humble ADDRESS of the Archbishop,
the Bishops, and Clergy of the Province of
Canterbury, in Convocation Assembled.**

May it please Your Majesty,



E Your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects, the Archbishop, Bishops, and Clergy, of the Province of *Canterbury*, do with all Humility beg Leave to embrace this first Opportunity of our assembling together in Convocation under Your auspicious Government, to express our unfeigned Joy for Your happy and peaceable Accession to the Throne of *Great Britain*, with the general Applause and Satisfaction of all Orders and Degrees of Men amongst us.

The great Loss we sustained by the Death of our late Gracious Sovereign, Your Majesty's Royal Father, is by this amply repaired to us, and the repeated Assurances Your Majesty has been pleased to give us of Your tender Regard to the Welfare and Happiness of Your People, which shall always take place with You of all other Considerations, as they call for our most thankful and dutiful Acknowledgments, so will they oblige us never to be wanting in our Returns of all that Fidelity and Obedience, which so Gracious a Prince may justly expect, or a grateful People can possibly pay.

The Bishops and Clergy of the Church of *England* must, with the deepest Sense of Your Majesty's Goodness, acknowledge Your singular Favour to them, in the Declarations You have been pleased to make, that the Preservation of the Constitution in Church and State, as it is now happily established, shall be Your first, and always Your chief Care: Next to that Establishment which the Laws have given them, we cannot have a better Security for both, than the Promise of a Prince, whose Stedfastness to His Word has always made a distinguishing Part of His Character.

Your Majesty's early Concern for the Glory of God, and the Encouragement of Religion and Morality, expressed in Your publick Declarations of Your Resolution to be careful, above all other things, to preserve and advance the Honour and Service of Almighty God, and to discourage and suppress all Vice, Profaneness, Debauchery, and Immorality; and for that end to distinguish, upon all Occasions, Persons of Piety and Virtue, by Marks of Your Royal Favour, calls for our most hearty Thanks to Your Majesty: A Declaration so worthy of Your Majesty's Piety and Goodness, if it has the Influence it ought to have on the Lives and Practice of Your Subjects, will be the most effectual Means to draw down the Blessing of God upon Your Royal Person
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and Government, and to make Your Reign prosperous to Your Majesty, and Your People; and Your solemn Command to all Your Officers, both ecclesiastical and civil, to be strict and vigilant in the Discovery and effectual Prosecution and Punishment of all Persons, who shall be guilty of Blasphemy and Profaneness, or of other dissolute, immoral, or disorderly Practices, will, we trust, in time, put a Stop to that Spirit of Irreligion, and open Contempt of all Things sacred, which (notwithstanding the Care and Diligence of the Government for some Years past, in prosecuting vicious Practices, and the Publishers of leud, profane, and blasphemous Books) doth still prevail among us, and is no less dangerous to the present Peace and Tranquillity of Your Government, than it is displeasing to Almighty God, and destructive to the Souls of Men; it will be Your Majesty's Honour, the Glory of Your Reign, to put a Stop to these bold and impious Attempts; and by making us a virtuous and religious, to render us a happy and flourishing Nation.

The bright Examples which shine forth in Your Royal Family, and strike the Hearts of Your Subjects with Love and Admiration, cannot but add the greatest Weight to Your Majesty's good Desires and Endeavours; whilst they observe, with the highest Satisfaction, that what Your Majesty requires of Your People, is in Effect to follow the Examples of that Piety in their own Conduct, which they there behold with so much Pleasure and Veneration.

We beg Leave to assure Your Majesty, that we will, in our several Stations, employ our utmost Endeavours to excite all those who are committed to our Charge, to be zealous in their Duty to God, and Loyalty to Your Majesty. And as we are secure of Your Majesty's Care and Concern for the Welfare of Your People, to exhort them with all Earnestness, by a constant and conscientious Obedience to Your Majesty, and a quiet and peaceable Behaviour towards one another, to contribute what in them lies to make Your Reign happy; their highest Interest, as well as Duty.

It is with the greatest Satisfaction that we congratulate Your Majesty upon the Hope You have been pleased to communicate to Your Parliament, that Your Endeavours to put an End to the Troubles and Disorders of *Europe*, by a general Pacification, are likely to meet with the desired Success: This will render Your Majesty still more honoured abroad, and beloved at home.

May the good God prosper all Your Majesty's Endeavours for the publick Welfare, and give Your Subjects such a true Sense of the Blessings they enjoy under Your Government, that they may be as zealous by their Unanimity and Vigour, to make Your Majesty a great and glorious Prince, as Your Majesty is, by Your tender and paternal Care, to make them a flourishing and happy People!

His MAJESTY's most Gracious ANSWER.

THIS publick Testimony of your Duty and Fidelity, and the zealous Concern you express for the Support and Honour of My Government, are very acceptable to Me: And you may be assured, that I shall always maintain the Constitution of the Church of England, as by Law established; and shall be ready to do My Part towards a vigorous Execution of the Laws against Blasphemy, Profaneness, and Immorality.

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